

and was nominated to the steering committee of the Netherlands-based Women for Water Partnership thanks to her work improving rural water, sanitation, hygiene, and food security.

Garba says one of the main catalysts of WOFAN's sustained success was a project supported 10 years ago by the Water and Development Alliance (WADA), a partnership between USAID and Coca-Cola. That 18-month WADA project built capacity, provided trainings, and helped install water and sanitation infrastructure, enabling WOFAN to make serious quality of life improvements in local communities. Despite the project's limited duration, she tells Global Waters Radio it continues to have an outsized impact today. Its ripple effects continue to be felt in the form of greater economic and social empowerment for women; increased women's involvement in water and sanitation management; improved water supply infrastructure; and community-level education campaigns championing handwashing behavior change for improved hygiene and community health. [Read the full interview here](#)